

DESCRIPTION OF ASSIGNMENT:

Adopt the motto, “reflective teacher-practitioners have an understanding of not only what they do, but why they do what they do.” With this guiding principle, you will be expected to engage in perceptive practice via a blog format in an online journal (<https://penzu.com/p>). During the practice, you will be asked to reflect on your learning, thinking, and concerns about technology and literacy integration.

PURPOSE OF ASSIGNMENT:

Through completion of this assignment you should develop a clearer picture of technology and literacy integration at various grade levels. Additionally, you will gain insight into the pros and cons of technology integration while exploring multiple Web 2.0 tools. You will also gain practice critiquing and evaluating the validity and importance of online resources. More importantly, however, you will participate in reflective discourse and record these reflections.

PROCESS:

There are two basic parts of this assignment: activation of an online journal and development of the journal where you record your thoughts and perceptions. Below are specific components you are to cover:

- Create an account for your online journal site at (<http://penzu.com/home>).
- Follow directions found on the Penzu homepage for building your journal.
- Add a title to each entry; be sure and use READ 6100 somewhere in the title.
- Edit your journal entries for grammar errors and mechanics before inviting me to view them.
 - Note 1: the free account does not allow you to check for spelling mistakes or other grammatical miscues, so be diligent with your own proofing.
 - Note 2: though I do want you to edit your work carefully, I will not count off for mistakes found on the entries so long as your entries make sense and support the topic I have asked you to write about
- Share your journal entries with me by issuing me an invitation to view them
 - After registering, click on the settings link
 - Make appropriate choices on the share nugget
 - Send me an invitation after writing your journal entry from the journal page to mcomer@tntech.edu
 - Be sure and issue the invitation after each journal entry
- Write about the following topics for a total of 2 entries (you must insert pictures into both entries):
 - Concerns, thoughts, & perceptions about curriculum and technology integration
 - Ideas for technology integration at the elementary, middle, and high school levels
 - Opinion on using Teacher Tube (<http://www.teachertube.com/>) or You Tube (<http://www.youtube.com/>) as resources
 - You pick the topic so long as it relates to technology and literacy in some manner

RESOURCES:

Dr. Comer's example emailed to you.

LOGISTICS:

Due date: See Assignments page within the course wiki

Percentage of course grade and points possible: 10% of total course grade; 100 points possible

Format/Citations: APA